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"APPROPRIATION CASE" SETTLED BY SUPREME COURT

One of Most Important Decisions Affecting State Departmental Work

PHOENIX, Dec. 24.—The supreme court of the state of Arizona yesterday evening decided down one of the most important decisions which it made for some time past when it found for the appellee in the action of State Auditor J. C. Callaghan vs. Jesse Boyce, the famous "appropriation case" which has been hanging fire in the courts since last July and on the outcome of which depended the payment of a large number of the claims of various state departments.

The action grew out of the refusal of State Auditor Callaghan to issue warrants for the expenses of several of the state officers. Mr. Callaghan contending that he had no authority to issue the warrants on account of the failure of the legislature to make a specific appropriation for the bills at the special session of that body held here last spring.

The decision of the state's highest tribunal was made public at five o'clock yesterday, the opinion having been written by Judge Cunningham, Judge Ross and Franklin concurring. By this decision, all of the bills which have been held up for the past several months will become payable in a few days and a number of the departments which have been hampered in their activities by the lack of funds will be able to resume their accustomed stride.

TOMBSTONE TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD

From Douglas

Deputy Sheriff Percy Bowden came home this afternoon from Douglas where he has been the past few days on business for the sheriff's office.

For Christmas

Supreme Judge D. L. Cunningham, accompanied by Mrs. Cunningham, arrived in Tombstone, which Judge and Mrs. Cunningham are proud to still call their home, and will spend the Christmas holidays here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Cornelius.

To Reform School

Ernest Summer Minter, the Douglas youth who was found guilty of selling booze, was yesterday taken to the State Industrial School at Fort Grant, by Constable James Moore, of Wilcox, for the sheriff's office.

To Insane Asylum

Theodore Schweichler, of Douglas, was yesterday committed to the state asylum for the insane at Phoenix, by Judge Lockwood, and was taken to the asylum by his son.

Attended Dance

A large number of young men of Tombstone attended the big dance and supper given at Gleason last night and report one of the best times ever, and thoroughly convinced that the Gleason promoters can entertain their friends in first class shape.

NEW COPPER CIRCUIT FROM BISBEE TO TOMBSTONE

Work is to be commenced on a new copper circuit of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company from Bisbee to Tombstone, and from Bisbee to Tucson, immediately after the first of the year, according to the announcement of Manager Harry Evans of the local telephone office.

Material for the construction, covering some twenty-seven miles from Bisbee to Tombstone is already on the ground, and it is estimated that the work, material, etc., will come to near the sum of \$40,000. The connection of Tombstone with Bisbee, and thereby with the outside world with the copper circuit will give a much better service, and it is with this in view that "The Corporation Different" has undertaken the expense of putting in the new line.

Last week Manager Evans talked with New York over the new repeating line just installed across the continent, and he now announces that if any one wants to talk over the new transcontinental line he can do so from the local office.

C. E. Gertz, the well known business man of Benson, has already talked to New York over the repeater line.

To Douglas

Deputy Assessor Walter Thomas and wife, and Mrs. A. S. Patterson, mother of Mrs. Thomas, went to Douglas this afternoon, where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

To Old Home

Representative W. L. Cook, who has been in Tombstone on the jury, left this morning for Wichita, Kansas, where he will spend the holidays with his daughter and family.

For Christmas

Clarence Smith arrived home yesterday from Jerome, where he is now located, and will spend the Christmas holidays in Tombstone with his parents and family.

Christmas Home

Johnny Bishop arrived yesterday from Nogales, where he is now connected with the telephone company, and will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

To Douglas

County School Superintendent Miss Minnie Lintz went to Douglas this morning on official business.

Bootleggers Sentences

Judge Lockwood, of the Superior Court, this morning issued sentences to five bootleggers, who pleaded guilty, having been brought up from Douglas. They received 90 days at hard labor and a fine of 25 dollars each, as follows: Ed Conley, Atenas Cortez, J. W. Green, E. King, Martin Cabanos.

From St. David

A. S. Christenson, of St. David, was a visitor in the county seat yesterday after supplies for his ranch.

To Bisbee

A. F. Parker, well-known insurance man, went to Bisbee this morning on business.

Returned Home

Harry Pickett, the well-known local attorney, returned home yesterday from a several days' business visit to Benson.

On Local Run

Brakeman H. Ash is acting in the capacity of conductor for a few days during the absence of Conductor Sparks.

ROUMANIA MARKS TIME AS WAR HEMS HER IN.



Photo by American Press Association.

Roumanian miners drilling along the Bulgarian border.

GOV. HUNT ISSUES UNCONDITIONAL PARDON TO L. A. BROWN

Was Convicted of Violating Prohibition Law in a Test Case

Clerk J. E. James, of the superior court, today received word from Phoenix that Governor Hunt has issued an unconditional pardon to L. A. Brown, the Cochise county man, who was found guilty of selling liquor in opposition to the prohibition law.

In view of the fact that it was a test case brought to test that phase of the law as to whether "Boratto" or "two per cent" could be sold under the law, and as Brown was the "goat" in the matter and brought the case as a test, and after having been found guilty in the Supreme Court of Cochise county received a jail sentence and fine, and the decision having been upheld by the supreme court, the governor issued the pardon on those grounds. The news of his pardon will no doubt be received about the state with interest, as it was generally believed after the supreme court had upheld Judge Lockwood, that he would have to go to jail and serve out his sentence.

SPARKS COMPLETES BIG CONTRACT AT FT. HUACHUCA

DOUGLAS, Dec. 24.—J. M. Sparks has arrived at his home in this city, where he will now remain, as he has about completed his government contract at Ft. Huachuca, where he erected twenty-two buildings for the army at that post. The construction work consisted of barracks buildings, captain's quarters and several bachelor quarters for single officers. This was a large contract, and Mr. Sparks has completed it well within the time limit.

The only thing remaining to be done is some finishing painting and this will be done before the first of the year. The contract called for the completion of this work next March.

On his way here Mr. Sparks stopped at Tombstone where he attended a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors, of which he is chairman. He was one of the first contractors to arrive in Douglas when the first building was started here, and has been in that business ever since.

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